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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 47th meeting, on 16 November 2017, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48 by a recorded vote of 135 to 10, with 26 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee (A/C.3/72/L.69).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders and including the concerns addressed in the resolution, and in this regard to appoint a special envoy on Myanmar and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar.

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III. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 2, Political affairs, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48, the Secretary-General would appoint a special envoy on Myanmar, who would carry out work related to the good offices of the Secretary-General. Accordingly, it is assumed that the Office of the Special Envoy would be a special political mission under special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General.

5. The Special Envoy on Myanmar would be based in the capital of a Member State in the region. He or she would be supported by a small team that would be based in the region as well as at United Nations Headquarters.

6. The Office of the Special Envoy would work with a wide range of actors, including the Government of Myanmar, to provide the Secretary-General's good offices and encourage progress on the situation. In particular, the Special Envoy would encourage the authorities in Myanmar to take action in three key areas: ending the military operations; allowing unfettered access for humanitarian support; and ensuring the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of the refugees to their areas of origin.

7. In the immediate term, the Office of the Special Envoy would work to assist the authorities in Myanmar and Bangladesh in agreeing on a framework for the repatriation of those who have fled the violence, in accordance with international standards.

8. In a medium- to long-term perspective, the Office of the Special Envoy would work to promote social cohesion and an end to discrimination against the Rohingya. In that context, in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, the Special Envoy would undertake efforts to ensure that the various dimensions of the human rights of the Rohingya community are fully respected and that issues relating to citizenship, identity documents, work permits and birth registration are adequately addressed. The Special Envoy would support and advocate the scaling-up of development projects in Rakhine. In that regard, the work of the newly established Union Enterprise Mechanism for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine and the Central Committee for the Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development in Rakhine to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State would be closely followed.

9. In carrying out its mandate, the Office of the Special Envoy would work in partnership with a wide range of actors, both partners within the United Nations system and external partners. The Special Envoy would also work closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on discussions related to a framework for the repatriation of refugees who have fled the violence, in accordance with international standards. In addition, the Special Envoy would

work closely with the United Nations country team in Myanmar across a range of activities that may relate to his or her mandate. The Special Envoy would also maintain regular and close contact with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as well as other Member States in the region. In that regard, the presence of the Special Envoy in the region would facilitate regular interactions with regional organizations as well as bilateral contacts with Member States.

10. The objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, and performance measures for the Office of the Special Envoy are set out below.

Table 1
Objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To advance the national reconciliation and democratization process in Myanmar			
		Performance measures	
Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*		*2018*
(a) Progress towards humanitarian access	Sustained full humanitarian access to affected areas of Myanmar	Target	Improved humanitarian access to all the affected districts
(b) Progress in the democratic transition process	Consolidation of democratic institutions	Target	Number of inclusive dialogues among the nation's political stakeholders
(c) Progress towards returns from Bangladesh	Safe and voluntary return	Target	Initiation of return process

External factors

11. The objective and expected accomplishments of the Office of the Special Envoy would be achieved on the assumption that there would be cooperation and commitment on the part of the Government of Myanmar to take steps to address the situation relating to the Rohingya community.

V. Estimated resource requirements

12. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48, it is estimated that additional requirements in the amount of $1,541,100 would arise for 2018 in the biennium 2018–2019 under section 3, Political affairs, which would cover the costs of: (a) the establishment of seven positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 2 P-4 and 1 Local level); and (b) other operational expenses.

13. Of the seven positions outlined above, one position (1 Under-Secretary-General) would be home-based, four positions (1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 Local level) would be based in the capital of a Member State in the region, and two positions (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) would be based in New York. Other substantive and administrative support would be provided to the Special Envoy and his or her Office by the Department of Political Affairs.

14. In order to allow him or her to have close links with the authorities in Myanmar, regional organizations and Member States in the region, the Special Envoy would be appointed at the Under-Secretary-General level, on a when-actually-employed basis. A Director at the D-1 level would serve as a deputy and represent the Special Envoy at high-level meetings in Yangon and outside the country. A Senior Political Affairs Officer at the P-5 level would be responsible for ensuring close cooperation between the Office of the Special Envoy, the United

Nations country team in Myanmar and other United Nations entities. A Political Affairs Officer at the P-4 level would be responsible for preparing regular political updates, monitoring and reporting on the situation on the ground, and preparing a wide range of material for the Special Envoy. In addition, an Administrative Assistant at the Local level would provide administrative support to the Office.

15. Given the need to support United Nations system-wide coordination in Myanmar and to maintain close links to the General Assembly and Member States in New York, the Office of the Special Envoy would maintain a second location at United Nations Headquarters, staffed by a Senior Political Affairs Officer at the P-5 level and a Political Affairs Officer at the P-4 level.

16. Operational requirements include official travel, facilities and infrastructure, ground transportation, communications, information technology and other supplies, services and equipment.

17. The details regarding these additional resource requirements for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 are set out in the table below.

Table 2

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resource requirements
Section 3, Political affairs	
Other staff costs	1 069.2
Consultants	36.8
Official travel	162.5
General operating expenses	143.9
Contractual services	16.1
Supplies and materials	2.6
Furniture and equipment	110.0
Subtotal	**1 541.1**
Total	**1 541.1**

18. Taking into account the good offices role of the Office of the Special Envoy, the Secretary-General proposes that the requirements for 2019 be considered in the context of future budgets of special political missions.

VI. Summary

19. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48, resource requirements amounting to $1,541,100 net of staff assessment would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 for the Office of the Special Envoy on Myanmar.**

20. The Secretary-General proposes that the resources for 2018 for the Office of the Special Envoy on Myanmar be charged against the provision for special political missions in the amount of $1,109,612,900 included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2018–2019.

21. The Secretary-General also proposes that the requirements for 2019 be considered in the context of future budgets of special political missions.

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Twentieth anniversary and promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.50/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 51st meeting, on 21 November 2017, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.50/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was made before the Committee (A/C.3/72/L.72).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14, 16 and 17 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.50/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to devote a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly at its seventy-third session, in 2018, within existing resources, to the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a view to giving impetus to its

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promotion in all regions, and request the President of the Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States in order to determine the scope and modalities for that meeting;

(b) Request the Secretary-General, in view of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration, to undertake a comprehensive assessment and analysis of progress, achievements and challenges related to the ways in which the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), as well as other relevant United Nations offices, departments and specialized agencies, including at the country level, within their respective mandates, give and can give due consideration to the Declaration and take into account the reports of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the situation of human rights defenders in their work, and assist States in strengthening the role and security of human rights defenders as called for by the Assembly in its resolutions 62/152 of 18 December 2007, 64/163 of 18 December 2009, 66/164, 68/181 and 70/161, recognizing that technical assistance and capacity-building are to be provided in consultation with, and with the consent of, the Member States concerned;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to undertake his assessment and analysis in cooperation with the Special Rapporteur and in consultation with States, other relevant special procedures mandate holders, relevant treaty bodies, relevant United Nations offices, departments and specialized agencies, including at the country level, as well as national human rights institutions and civil society, and to present the results of that assessment and analysis in a report to the Assembly at its seventy-third session,[1] containing conclusions and recommendations for effective technical assistance and capacity-building, including good practices thereof and examples of positive impact or change as well as challenges related to the provision of support to States in the implementation of relevant human rights obligations and commitments, recognizing that technical assistance and capacity-building are to be provided in consultation with, and with the consent of, the Member States concerned.

III. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and to programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1), and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24) and A72/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, respectively).

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 17, it is envisaged that the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words, to be issued in all six languages in 2018. That would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $32,200 in 2018.

[1] Including a presentation for the high-level plenary meeting referred to in paragraph 2 (a).

5. In addition, pursuant to operative paragraphs 14, 16 and 17, an amount of $113,800 would be required under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to cover the cost of travel of three high-level international experts to New York to participate in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly during its seventy-third session, and to cover the cost of general temporary assistance equivalent to a P-4 post for six months in 2018. The temporary assistance staff would: (a) conduct a comprehensive assessment and analysis of progress and challenges related to the ways by which OHCHR, as well as other relevant United Nations bodies, offices, departments and specialized agencies, could give due consideration to the Declaration; (b) identify good practices related to the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building by relevant parts of the United Nations system, including examples of positive impact or change, as well as challenges related to the support to States in the implementation of relevant human rights obligations and commitments; and (c) incorporate that input into a study containing conclusions and recommendations for effective technical assistance and capacity-building to be presented to the Assembly at its seventy-third session.

V. Financial implications of the proposals

6. Additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $146,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to implement the additional workload. The details of the additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Resource requirements for 2018
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Pre-session documentation	32 200
Subtotal, section 2	**32 200**
Section 24, Human rights	
Travel of 3 high-level international experts	17 200
General temporary assistance at the P-4 level for 6 months	96 600
Subtotal, section 24	**113 800**
Total	**146 000**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

7. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 14, 16 and 17 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at the present time to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $146,000 for 2018 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VII. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.50/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of $146,000 for 2018, comprising $32,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $113,800 under section 24, Human rights, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of $146,000 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly, and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

10. With regard to operative paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.50/Rev.1, the attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the provisions of section VI of Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 70/247 of 23 December 2015, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 21 November 2017, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 104 to 1, with 63 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.3/72/L.70) was before the Committee.

II. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Assembly at its seventy-third session.

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III. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1) and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24), respectively).

IV. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the report would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words, to be issued in all six languages in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $32,200 in 2018.

5. In addition, an amount of $48,300 would be required under section 24, Human rights, to cover the cost of general temporary assistance equivalent to a P-4 post for three months in 2018. The general temporary assistance staff member would conduct research and solicit and analyse input from stakeholders on the impact of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights and prepare the draft report of the Secretary-General.

V. Financial implications of the proposal

6. Additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $80,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Resource requirements for 2018
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Pre-session documentation	32 200
Subtotal, section 2	**32 200**
Section 24, Human rights	
General temporary assistance at the P-4 level for 3 months	48 300
Subtotal, section 24	**48 300**
Total	**80 500**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

7. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $80,500 for 2018 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VII. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of $80,500 for 2018, comprising $32,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $48,300 under section 24, Human rights, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of $80,500 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children

Rights of the child

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 52nd meeting, on 21 November 2017, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1, as orally revised and amended, by a recorded vote of 180 to none, with no abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee (A/C.3/72/L.71).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of paragraph 41 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to increase her engagement with States, United Nations bodies and agencies, regional organizations and especially subregional organizations, and to increase public awareness activities, including by collecting, assessing and disseminating best practices and lessons learned, in accordance with the existing mandate.

III. Relationship of the proposed requests to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 29D, Office of

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Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 1) and A/72/6 (Sect. 29D)).

IV. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. In order to implement the requests contained in paragraph 41 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1, additional resources would be required to engage and develop further cooperation frameworks with regional and subregional organizations and to substantially increase public awareness regarding all grave violations affecting children in times of conflict.

5. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict would engage subregional organizations, such as the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Economic Community of Central African States, the Andean Community and the Economic Community of West African States. Those subregional organizations encompass one or more country situations that are on the children and armed conflict agenda. Mobilizing States at the subregional level with regard to country situations on the children and armed conflict agenda would help to make them part of the solution in ending ongoing violations and abuses against children affected by armed conflict and preventing future abuse. The organizations would serve as multipliers for the work that any individual country would undertake to end and prevent violations and abuses against children. Such engagement would also be aimed at advancing politically and/or legally binding instruments for strengthening the protection of children affected by armed conflict in the subregion concerned and facilitate programmatic responses when violations and abuses occur. The Special Representative would actively support the organizations in developing tools for effectively addressing the issue of children and armed conflict, such as protocols for the handover to civilian actors of children associated with armed forces or groups, and in mainstreaming the protection of children affected by armed conflict into their advocacy, policies and programmes, including through the appointment of focal points in the organizations to increase high-level advocacy.

6. It is envisioned that collecting lessons learned and raising public awareness will facilitate interactions with parties to conflict when violations against children occur. Best practices can be used to assist parties to conflict that demonstrate a willingness to better protect children by ensuring, for example, that the conduct of hostilities complies with international law. Awareness-raising can also be used to persuade parties to conflict that do not demonstrate such willingness to improve their conduct. By leveraging increased public awareness, political advocacy and direct engagement, parties may display greater receptiveness to improving their conduct and reducing violations against children. Such prevention efforts are part of the core aim of the goals of the Special Representative. In this regard, the Special Representative would also increase existing engagement with regional organizations, such as the European Union, the African Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the League of Arab States. Cooperation with these organizations demonstrates how the United Nations and regional organizations can work together to strengthen the protection of children affected by armed conflict and how these organizations serve as force multipliers for the implementation of the children and armed conflict agenda. These partnerships involve multiple activities to share information on situations involving countries on the children and armed conflict agenda and have the potential to increase or establish new links with other entities such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and various regional research centres in North Africa and the Middle East.

7. Accordingly, it is proposed that two posts of Political Affairs Officer (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) be established, effective 1 January 2018, to engage new actors by expanding the scope of cooperation with international and regional partners, in particular subregional organizations, and to increase public awareness regarding all grave violations affecting children in times of conflict, which includes collecting and disseminating best practices and lessons learned.

8. The incumbent of the post of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) would expand the scope of cooperation with subregional organizations through the provision of technical assistance in the implementation of existing commitments relating to children and armed conflict, including international, regional and national instruments, and in the identification of gaps in normative frameworks, in implementation at the national level, in the monitoring of violations and in the collection and dissemination of information. The incumbent would then identify ways to most effectively address each unique gap, including by developing subregional legally and politically binding obligations to strengthen the protection of children in situations of armed conflict and support the development of longer-term programmatic responses.

9. The incumbent of the post of Political Affairs Officer (P-4) would support the lessons-learned exercise in working with Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as regional organizations, with the aim of collecting and assessing information on the work carried out over the past 20 years on children and armed conflict. The incumbent would also lead in the dissemination of best practices identified, including through activities to raise public awareness regarding violations and abuses committed against children. In addition, the incumbent would develop new communications tools to distribute information pertaining to children and armed conflict that would ensure the widest possible reach and impact and create new outreach materials that would not only build on the Children, Not Soldiers campaign but also target all six grave violations against children and be aimed at a broader audience.

10. Resources would also be required for travel to regional areas with one or more country situations on the children and armed conflict agenda, in order to: (a) provide technical assistance in implementing existing commitments on children and armed conflict as a means to expand the scope of cooperation with subregional organizations; and (b) collect and assess best practices as a means to raise public awareness and reduce violations against children. Remote business practices such as videoconferences are not effective for attaining the objectives of such travel.

11. Additional resource requirements related to the establishment of the two posts include communications, supplies, information technology services and equipment, alteration of premises, rental of premises, and office furniture in line with the standard common services costs for New York.

V. Financial implications of the proposals

12. To implement the requests contained in paragraph 41 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1, additional requirements in the amount of $671,800 (including a non-recurrent provision in the amount of $86,200) would arise under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The details regarding these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Resource requirements
Section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	
Posts: 2 Political Affairs Officer (1 P-5 and 1 P-4)	442 700
Travel of staff	70 000
Contractual services	6 500
General operating expenses	2 800
Furniture and equipment	2 800
Subtotal, section 1	**524 800**
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services	
General operating expenses	126 400
Furniture and equipment	20 600
Subtotal, section 29D	**147 000**
Total	**671 800**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

13. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in paragraph 41 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1. It is not possible to identify activities within the sections concerned of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that additional resources in the amount of $671,800 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VII. Contingency fund

14. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

15. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.21/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of $671,800 for 2018–2019, comprising $524,800 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and $147,000 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of $671,800 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. In addition, an amount of $50,000 would also be required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**

16. **The General Assembly is requested to approve the establishment of two posts (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) effective 1 January 2018, under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.**

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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.9

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/72/L.9 the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to provide appropriate support from all relevant parts of the Secretariat, and in cooperation with other relevant parts of the United Nations system, in particular the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to the work of the conference and to facilitate inter-agency cooperation to that end, as well as to ensure the efficient use of resources, so that the objectives of the conference can be achieved;

(b) Decide that the intergovernmental conference, entitled "Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration", shall be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018;

(c) Reaffirm its decision that the conference:

(i) Shall be held at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government;

(ii) Shall result in the adoption of an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome, entitled "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular

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Migration", the scope of which is defined in annex II to its resolution 71/1, the negotiations for which shall be concluded by July 2018, in accordance with resolution 71/280, and that the outcome shall be transmitted by the President of the General Assembly, during its seventy-second session, to the conference for adoption;

(iii) Shall also result in summaries of the plenary meetings and other deliberations of the conference, to be included in the report of the conference;

(iv) Shall apply the modalities for participation as stated in its resolution 71/280;

(d) Recommend the provisional rules of procedure, set forth in the annex to the draft resolution, for adoption at the conference;

(e) Decide that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration shall be adopted at the opening plenary meeting of the conference, on Monday, 10 December 2018;

(f) Decide that the conference shall be organized in accordance with the arrangements set forth in the note by the Secretary-General (A/72/271), taking into account paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the resolution;

(g) Decide that statements made at the opening plenary meeting, on 10 December, and at the closing plenary, on 11 December, will be delivered as proposed in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the note by the Secretary-General;

(h) Decide that the conference shall comprise eight consecutive plenary meetings and two dialogues, to be held on 10 and 11 December;

(i) Decide that four running plenary meetings shall be held each day, as follows:

(i) Monday, 10 December: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1 to 3 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.;

(ii) Tuesday, 11 December: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1 to 3 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.;

(j) Decide that two dialogues shall be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing plenary meetings, as follows:

(i) Monday, 10 December: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(ii) Tuesday, 11 December: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(k) Decide that the dialogues, building upon the adoption of the Global Compact, shall have the purpose of exemplifying ways and means to support the implementation of the Global Compact and be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature:

(i) Dialogue 1: "Promoting action on the commitments of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration";

(ii) Dialogue 2: "Partnerships and innovative initiatives for the way forward";

(l) Decide that the dialogues will consist of introductory remarks by the co-chairs, a keynote address, interventions from participating States and at least three interventions from stakeholders, giving due regard to gender balance as well as the situations in countries of origin, transit and destination, and request the Secretary-General to organize the keynote speakers and stakeholders who will participate.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 24, Public information, of the biennial programme plans and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1).

3. They also relate to section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 1), A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 28), respectively).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. With regard to implementation of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/72/L.9, as well as the annex thereto, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration would coordinate and organize a two-day conference to be held in Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018, which would consist of eight consecutive plenary meetings and two dialogues, at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government, with the support of all relevant parts of the United Nations system, in particular IOM. The outcome of the conference would be the adoption of an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome entitled "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration".

5. The Office of the Special Representative would prepare the report of the conference, which would include summaries of the plenary meetings and other deliberations. Other entities with significant mandates and expertise related to migration, such as IOM, would contribute to the drafting of the report.

6. The two interactive and multi-stakeholder dialogues are intended to exemplify ways and means to support the implementation of the Global Compact. The dialogues would give stakeholders the opportunity to discuss a range of complex issues that have an impact on migration, including the promotion and protection of the human rights of all migrants, the contributions of migrants to sustainable development, shared responsibilities and opportunities, cooperation on data collection and analysis and governance. As such, the dialogues would require the Office of the Special Representative to organize and invite keynote speakers and stakeholders, including from civil society, academia, the private sector, migrant organizations, parliaments and national human rights institutions, to participate.

7. The Office of the Special Representative would require one general temporary assistance position for an Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level)) for 12 months in 2018 to support the preparatory work leading up to the conference. The Administrative Assistant would support the Office in its role of coordinating relevant components of the Secretariat and the broader United Nations system during the preparatory process and in the organization of the conference. The Administrative Assistant would liaise with departments and other relevant United Nations agencies on logistical and other arrangements required for the organization of the conference, including travel of staff and participants. Additional resource

requirements related to the general temporary assistance position include those for communications, supplies and information technology services, in line with the standard common services for New York ($83,500).

8. Pursuant to the requests contained in operative paragraphs 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the draft resolution and in the annex thereto, it is envisaged that the conference will be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018 and will comprise the following meetings: (a) eight consecutive plenary meetings; (b) two dialogues (four meetings); and (c) four main committee meetings. The aforementioned 16 meetings (8 meetings each day) would require interpretation in all six official languages and would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements in 2018 for meetings services in the amount of $96,000. Furthermore, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the Department's workload of six pre-session documents (total of 53,600 words), four in-session documents (total of 31,800 words) and one post-session document (45,000 words) to be issued in all six official languages in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $422,800 in 2018.

9. On the basis of experience with conferences of a similar nature, requirements have been included for strategic communications, public information and outreach aimed at achieving the objectives of the conference. Communicating the proceedings of the eight plenary meetings and the two dialogues will raise awareness among Member States and other stakeholders, including civil society, and will promote the Global Compact. To that effect, the Department of Public Information would be responsible for covering the meetings of and issuing press releases on the conference in English and French, webcasting the proceedings, providing website content, branded promotional products and public information materials in the six official languages, providing television footage for news broadcasts, conducting outreach to the media and carrying out media accreditation and liaison ($66,200).

IV. Financial implications of the proposals

10. To implement the requests contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of the draft resolution and the annex thereto, additional one-time requirements in the amount of $668,500 would arise under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The details of these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

Resource requirements for 2018

(United States dollars)

Section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	
General temporary assistance staff (1 General Service (Other level)) for 12 months	81 200
Contractual services	1 600
General operating expenses	700
Subtotal	**83 500**

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Simultaneous interpretation	96 000
Pre-session documentation	175 000
In-session documentation	104 100
Post-session documentation	143 700
Subtotal	**518 800**
Section 28, Public information	
Other staff costs	40 100
Contractual services	26 100
Subtotal	**66 200**
Total	**668 500**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

11. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of the draft resolution and the annex thereto. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that one-time requirements in the amount of $668,500 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VI. Contingency fund

12. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

13. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/72/L.9, additional resource requirements in the amount of $668,500 for 2018–2019, comprising $83,500 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, $518,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $66,200 under section 28, Public information, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. An additional appropriation of $668,500 for the biennium 2018–2019 would be required, to be approved by the General Assembly, and as such would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

14. **The additional resource requirements in the amount of $668,500 described above relate to holding the conference in New York. It should be noted, however, that pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, if it is decided to hold the conference in Morocco, the Government of Morocco would need to defray the additional costs in accordance with paragraph 5 of General**

Assembly resolution 40/243, which stipulates that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

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Oceans and the law of the sea

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

International legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.7

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18, 21 and 22 of draft resolution A/72/L.7, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene an intergovernmental conference, under the auspices of the United Nations, to consider the recommendations of the preparatory committee on the elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, with a view to developing the instrument as soon as possible;

(b) Decide that negotiations shall address the topics identified in the package agreed in 2011, namely, the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, in particular, together and as a whole, marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits, measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, environmental impact assessments and capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology;

(c) Decide that, initially with respect to 2018, 2019 and the first half of 2020, the conference shall meet for four sessions of a duration of 10 working days each, with the first session taking place in the second half of 2018, the second and

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third sessions taking place in 2019, and the fourth session taking place in the first half of 2020, and request the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the conference from 4 to 17 September 2018;

(d) Decide that the conference shall hold a three-day organizational meeting in New York, from 16 to 18 April 2018, to discuss organizational matters, including the process for the preparation of the zero draft of the instrument;

(e) Decide to invite to the conference representatives of organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work, on the understanding that such representatives would participate in the conference in that capacity, and to invite, as observers to the conference, representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies that were invited to participate in relevant conferences and summits;

(f) Decide that attendance at the conference as observers will also be opened to relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, as well as to those that were accredited to relevant conferences and summits, on the understanding that participation means attending formal meetings, unless otherwise decided by the conference in specific situations, receiving copies of the official documents, making available their materials to delegates and addressing the meetings, through a limited number of their representatives, as appropriate;

(g) Decide to forward the report of the Preparatory Committee to the conference;

(h) Decide that, except as provided for in paragraphs 17 and 19 of the resolution, the rules relating to the procedure and the established practice of the General Assembly shall apply to the procedure of the conference unless otherwise agreed by the conference;

(i) Request the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General of the conference to serve as focal point within the Secretariat for providing support to the organization of the conference;

(j) Request the Secretary-General to provide the conference with the necessary assistance for the performance of its work, including secretariat services and the provision of essential background information and relevant documents, and to arrange for support to be provided by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 6, Legal affairs, programme 24, Public information, and programme 28, Safety and security, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 20182019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1). They also relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 8, Legal affairs, section 28, Public information,

and section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 20182019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2), A/72/6 (Sect. 8) and A/72/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 28) and A/72/6 (Sect. 34), respectively).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. In order to successfully implement the mandates set out in draft resolution A/72/L.7, the Secretariat would be required to perform, inter alia, the following functions:

(a) The provision of administrative services for the convening of the intergovernmental conference, including logistical arrangements;

(b) The servicing of meetings of the intergovernmental conference, including plenary and informal meetings, meetings of the Credentials Committee and meetings of any other committee that may be established by the conference;

(c) The preparation of documents, including background materials, summaries of issues and views of delegations, meeting reports and note-taking;

(d) The provision of technical support to the President/Co-Presidents of the conference;

(e) Assistance to delegations, including with regard to participation in the conference, the organization of side events and other queries;

(f) Maintenance of a conference webpage on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs;

(g) The administration of the trust fund established by resolution 69/292, including the management of contributions, reporting, the disbursement of funds and travel management;

(h) The provision of webcast and press coverage.

4. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the following sessions of the intergovernmental conference would be held in New York over the course of 2018, 2019 and 2020:

(a) A 3-day organizational meeting, consisting of 6 meetings to be held in New York from 16 to 18 April 2018;

(b) A 10-day first session, consisting of 20 meetings to be held in New York from 4 to 17 September 2018;

(c) A 10-day second session, consisting of 20 meetings to be held in New York from 25 March to 5 April 2019;

(d) A 10-day third session, consisting of 20 meetings to be held in New York from 3 to 16 September 2019;

(e) A 10-day fourth session, consisting of 20 meetings to be held in New York in the first half of 2020.

The above-mentioned meetings would require interpretation in all six languages and would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2018, 2019 and 2020. This would entail additional resource requirements for meetings services in the amount of $221,000 in 2018, $340,000 in 2019 and $170,000 in 2020.

5. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 22 of the draft resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of:

(a) Twenty-one pre-session documents (total of 139,500 words), four in-session documents (total of 8,400 words) and seven post-session documents (total of 45,500 words) in all six languages in 2018;

(b) Twenty pre-session documents (total of 144,400 words), six in-session documents (total of 14,400 words) and eight post-session documents (total of 62,200 words) in all six languages in 2019;

(c) Ten pre-session documents (total of 72,200 words), five in-session documents (total of 32,200 words) and four post-session documents (total of 31,100 words) in all six languages in 2020.

This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $640,400 in 2018, $728,400 in 2019 and $445,500 in 2020.

6. On the basis of experience with other conferences of a similar nature, resource requirements have been included for press coverage, live webcasts in all official languages and on-demand streaming in English and the original language of the speaker for the conference, and would constitute an addition to the workload of the Department of Public Information in 2018, 2019 and 2020. This would entail additional resource requirements for temporary staff and contractual services in the amount of $50,800 in 2018, $80,600 in 2019 and $40,300 in 2020.

7. In addition, the conference would require the Department of Safety and Security to provide increased coverage for security screening, conference security, and pass and identification activities. This would entail additional resource requirements in the amount of $58,100 in 2018, $90,500 in 2019 and $70,600 in 2020. It is expected that the session in 2020 would require a total of 840 hours of overtime for conference room security officers and supervisors, compared with 427 hours of overtime for conference room security for each of the three sessions in 2018 and 2019, reflecting the anticipated increased number of hours required to complete any negotiation on outstanding matters related to the finalization of the text of the international legally binding instrument.

IV. Modifications required in the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

8. To meet the provisions of the draft resolution, the outputs under subprogramme 4 of section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 20182019 would need to be amended, as follows:

Paragraph 8.57

In table 8.24, under "Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, and reports thereto (regular budget)":

- Replace output 2 with the following: "2. Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (80)";
- Add a new output after output 8: "9. Working papers for the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United

Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (10)" and renumber all subsequent outputs;

- Replace output 9 (renumbered as output 10) with the following: "10. Reports of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (3)".

V. Financial implications of the proposals

9. Additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $2,545,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $171,700 under section 28, Public information, and $219,200 under section 34, Safety and security, would be required under the proposed programme budgets for the bienniums 2018–2019 and 2020–2021 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Total resource requirements	*Resource requirements for 2018–2019*	*Resource requirements for 2020–2021*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Simultaneous interpretation	731 000	561 000	170 000
Pre-session documentation	1 170 900	933 900	237 000
In-session documentation	186 900	80 400	106 500
Post-session documentation	456 500	354 500	102 000
Subtotal, section 2	**2 545 300**	**1 929 800**	**615 500**
Section 28, Public information			
Other staff costs	151 800	116 100	35 700
Contractual services	19 900	15 300	4 600
Subtotal, section 28	**171 700**	**131 400**	**40 300**
Section 34, Safety and security			
Other staff costs	219 200	148 600	70 600
Subtotal, section 34	**219 200**	**148 600**	**70 600**
Total	**2 963 200**	**2 209 800**	**726 400**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

10. No provisions have been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18, 21 and 22 of draft resolution A/72/L.7. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that one-time

resource requirements in the amount of $2,209,800 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

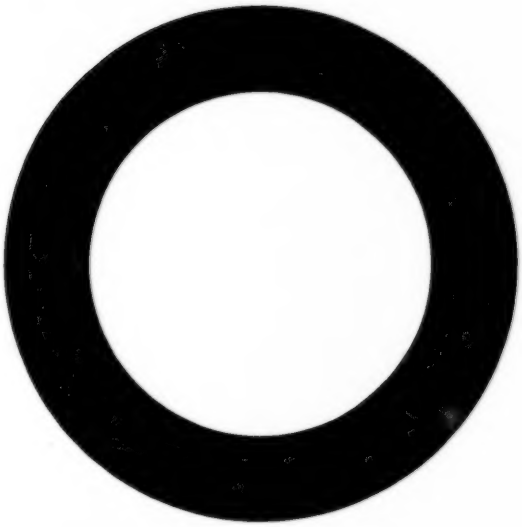
VII. Contingency fund

11. Under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

12. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/72/L.7, additional resource requirements in the amount of $2,209,800, comprising $1,929,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $131,400 under section 28, Public information, and $148,600 under section 34, Safety and security, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of $2,209,800 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

13. **Furthermore, resource requirements for 2020 in the amount of $726,400 would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021.**



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Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.19

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 7 of draft resolution A/72/L.19, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to reappoint the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/260 to continue to review the potential new information, including that which may be available from Member States, to assess its probative value, to determine the scope that any further inquiry or investigation should take and, if possible, to draw conclusions from the investigations already conducted;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to provide an oral briefing on any progress made to the General Assembly before the end of the main part of its seventy-third session and to report to the General Assembly before the end of its seventy-third session on any further progress made.

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IV. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the biennial programme plans and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1).

3. They also relate to section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 1), and A/72/6 (Sect. 2), respectively).

V. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Pursuant to operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would reappoint the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/260 to continue to review the potential new information, including that which may be available from Member States, to assess its probative value, to determine the scope that any further inquiry or investigation should take and, if possible, to draw conclusions from the investigations already conducted. The tasks of the Eminent Person are foreseen as follows:

(a) To review the reports of: (i) the Commission of Jurists on the Inquiry into the Death of Dag Hammarskjöld (see A/68/800); (ii) the Independent Panel of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/246 concerning the investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him (see A/70/132); and (iii) the Eminent Person (see A/71/1042), including the information relied on by the Commission of Jurists, the Independent Panel of Experts and the Eminent Person;

(b) To review and assess new records and information that may be provided by Member States following the adoption of the draft resolution, including as a result of Member States' conduct of a dedicated internal review of their intelligence, security and defence archives;

(c) To follow up with Member States who may hold relevant information, including with officials appointed by Member States to conduct the review of their respective archives;

(d) If necessary and appropriate, to interview witnesses, including expert witnesses;

(e) To produce a report, which would include the following items:

(i) A summary of, and any findings on, new information obtained since the conclusion of the work of the Eminent Person;

(ii) An assessment of the probative value of that new information for the purpose of identifying the cause or causes of the incident and determining its attribution to any individual or entity;

(iii) As the Eminent Person may deem appropriate, new statements from witnesses who were interviewed and new information obtained, to be affixed as appendices;

(iv) A determination of the scope that any further inquiry or investigation should take, or, if the Eminent Person is of the opinion that a further inquiry or investigation may not be beneficial, a presentation of conclusions drawn from the investigations already conducted.

5. It is envisaged that the Eminent Person and his Special Assistant will be engaged as consultants for work not to exceed six work-months for the period 2018–2019. In this regard, the Special Assistant will support the Eminent Person in the performance of his tasks as described in paragraph 4 above. In addition, to assist in the investigation, it is also proposed that a consultant provide specialized expertise, including forensics and document analysis for one work-month. Travel may be undertaken by the Eminent Person and the Special Assistant to New York, Africa and Western Europe for further inquiry, investigation and follow up with Member States, and by the consultant to Africa for forensics and document analysis ($246,100).

6. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document (35,000 words) to be issued in all six languages in 2019. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in 2019 ($111,200).

IV. Financial implications of the proposals

7. In order to implement the requests contained in paragraphs 1 and 7 of the draft resolution, additional one-time requirements in the amount of $357,300 would arise under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The details of the additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Resource requirements 2018–2019
Section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	
Consultants	246 100
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Pre-session documentation	111 200
Total	**357 300**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

8. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested under operative paragraphs 1 and 7 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the sections concerned of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that one-time resource requirements in the amount of $357,300 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VI. Contingency fund

9. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

10. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/72/L.19, additional resource requirements in the amount of $357,300, comprising $246,100 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and $111,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of $357,300 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates follows the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211.

2. Potential new charges, which amount to $41,314,300, are detailed in the annex to the present report and exceed the approved level of the contingency fund pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/274 of $40,460,000 by $881,300. The potential charges indicated in respect of each item correspond to those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions upon its consideration of individual statements and proposals for revised estimates.

3. In the formulation of the proposals, due consideration has been given to the procedures contained in paragraph 9 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213, and in part C, paragraph 6, of the annex to resolution 42/211, which govern the contingency fund.

4. The Secretary-General has proposed the absorption of additional expenses due to new and expanded mandates. In the current biennium, an amount of $39,000 was identified for absorption in the context of the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session (see A/72/398). During the course of the review of the financial implications of the adoption of various draft resolutions by the Main Committees of the General Assembly, apart from those referred to in the annex to the present report, a further amount of $223,200 was identified for absorption within the proposed resources for the biennium 2018–2019. However, the magnitude of additional requirements resulting from new and expanded mandates does not allow for full absorption.

5. It will be recalled that during its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994–1995, the Committee for Programme and Coordination questioned the usefulness of designating high or low priorities at the level of output or activity and recommended that the practice be discontinued (see A/48/16, Part Two,

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para. 40). The General Assembly subsequently endorsed the recommendation of the Committee in its resolution 48/228, thus removing the identification of high- and low-priority programme elements from the format of the programme budget. As the present format of the budget no longer contains priority-setting information approved by Member States, alternative options for the reallocation or reduction of resources between high- and low-priority mandated programme elements, including the deferral, termination and curtailment of mandated activities, would require Assembly approval.

6. Total potential charges of $41.3 million, as reflected in the table below, are based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions available at the time of the finalization of the present report and do not take into account the forthcoming recommendations of the Advisory Committee relating to: (a) the proposal for the replacement of office blocks A-J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/72/375); (b) the progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/72/374); (c) the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions and twenty-sixth special session) (A/72/602), (d) the programme budget implications of the follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (A/C.5/72/12); (e) the programme budget implications of further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (A/C.5/72/11); (f) the programme budget implications of the effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights (A/C.5/72/15); (g) the programme budget implications of the twentieth anniversary and promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/C.5/72/14); (h) the programme budget implications of the rights of the child (A/C.5/72/16); (i) the programme budget implications of modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (A/C.5/72/17); (j) the programme budget implications of the investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him (A/C.5/72/19); (k) the programme budget implications of the international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (A/C.5/72/18); and (l) the revised estimates resulting from the resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh special session (A/72/602/Add.1).

Breakdown of potential charges to the contingency fund, by budget section

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Budget section		*Potential charges to the contingency fund[a]*
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	2 922.3
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	6 215.7
3.	Political affairs	1 034.1
4.	Disarmament	460.7
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	247.2
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	905.4
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	615.0

Budget section		*Potential charges to the contingency fund*[a]
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	112.0
24.	Human rights	18 934.2
28.	Public information	207.7
29A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	88.6
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	424.4
29F.	Administration, Geneva	87.3
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	266.0
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	8 504.9
34.	Safety and security	315.8
	Total	**41 341.3**

[a] Net of staff assessment and at proposed programme budget rates for 2018-2019.

7. **On the basis of the above discussion and subject to further review by the General Assembly of the proposals of the Secretary-General and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Assembly is requested to consider the potential charges related to new and expanded mandates against the contingency fund as outlined above.**

Annex

Contingency fund-related proposals and charges

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Approved level of the contingency fund pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/274	**40 460.0**

Potential charges	*Secretary-General's proposal*	*Identified for absorption*	*Adjustments proposed by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions to the Secretary-General's proposal*	*Recommendations of the Fifth Committee*[a]	*Potential charges to the contingency fund*
Revised estimates relating to the Office of Counter-Terrorism under section 3, Political affairs, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment (A/72/117)	1 097.7		–		1 097.7
Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok (A/72/338 and A/72/338/Corr.1)	4 116.8		(59.6)		4 057.2
Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/72/337 and A/72/337/Corr.1)	250.2		(250.2)		–
Revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment (A/72/373)	1 326.5		(714.0)		612.5
Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A-J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/72/375)[b]	604.0				604.0
Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago (A/72/367)	192.0		–		192.0
Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/72/374)[b]	5 700.3				5 700.3
Progress report on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters (A/72/379)	6 586.6		(6 586.6)		–
Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/72/204)	4 596.3		(2 838.5)		1 757.8
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session (A/72/398)	247.2	39.0	–		247.2
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions and twenty-sixth special session) (A/72/602)[b]	21 430.2				21 430.2
Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/72/2)[c]	51.7		(51.7)		–

Potential charges	*Secretary-General's proposal*	*Identified for absorption*	*Adjustments proposed by the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions to the Secretary-General's proposal*	*Recommendations of the Fifth Committee*[a]	*Potential charges to the contingency fund*
Programme budget implications of follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (A/C.5/72/12)[b]	250.0				250.0
Programme budget implications of further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (A/C.5/72/11)[b]	994.3				994.3
Programme budget implications of the effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights (A/C.5/72/15)[b]	80.5				80.5
Programme budget implications of the twentieth anniversary and promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/C.5/72/14)[b]	146.0				146.0
Programme budget implications of the rights of the child (A/C.5/72/16)[b]	671.8				671.8
Programme budget implications of modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (A/C.5/72/17)[b]	668.5				668.5
Programme budget implications of the investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him (A/C.5/72/19)[b]	357.3				357.3
Programme budget implications of the international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (A/C.5/72/18)[b]	2 209.8				2 209.8
Revised estimates resulting from the resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh special session (A/72/602/Add1)[b]	264.2				264.2
Total[d]	**51 841.9**	**39.0**	**(10 611.5)**		**41 314.3**
Shortfall					**(881.3)**

Note: Hyphens indicate that the proposal of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions does not result in financial implications.

[a] To be determined.

[b] Recommendations of the Advisory Committee to be determined.

[c] The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions reduced the total by $162,600. The reduction of the balance of $110,900 will be reflected against the proposed programme budget.

[d] Net of staff assessment and at proposed programme budget rates for 2018–2019.